



# List of Magazines

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## ❑ **Commentary**

*Commentary* is one of a number of periodicals that present discussion of Jewish concerns in the United States and abroad. Unlike most of those publications, however, *Commentary* presents a moderate rather than a liberal perspective. It publishes lengthy articles of general interest and often includes examples of current Jewish fiction.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.commentarymagazine.com>

## ❑ **Computers in Libraries**

A colorful magazine that focuses on practical application of all aspects of library technology. Includes discussions of the impact of technologies in academic, public, school, and special libraries, and it is very readable even for the non-geeks among us.

Frequency: 10 times/year, <http://www.infotoday.com>

## ❑ **Current History**

This privately owned journal has been covering world affairs since its founding in 1914 by the *New York Times*. Typically, each issue examines one country or region in depth; however, occasionally an issue will focus solely on a policy concern. Appealing to a broad audience, each issue includes six or seven articles, one or two book reviews, and on the back cover, a map of the targeted country or region. There is also an excellent “Month in Review” section that provides an international chronology of events, organized by country. The *Current History* website provides a schedule of the thematic emphasis of forthcoming issues.

Frequency: 9 times/year, <http://www.currenthistory.com>

## ❑ **Cyberskeptics Guide to Internet Research**

This newsletter is primarily for information professionals. It reviews selected websites and tools. A typical issue includes a discussion of the “site of the month,” brief introductions to various websites, evaluations or comparisons of websites, and analyses of search engines or other web tools. The newsletter maintains a healthy skeptical view toward cyberspace.

Frequency: 10 times/year

## ❑ **Daedalus**

Each issue of this impressive magazine focuses on a major topic. All articles are by experts in their fields and support the cover topic. An international array of authors write each

piece, and many articles are by several authors. The endnotes are most impressive and offer many additional sources.

Frequency: quarterly

#### ❑ **The Economist**

Founded more than 150 years ago “to support the cause of free trade” and read in more than 180 countries, this easy-to-read weekly is well-respected and authoritative for information in world politics, global business, finance and economics, science and technology, and the arts.” The magazine includes 16 news categories, including summaries in politics and business, short articles on world leaders, science, technology, finance and economics, surveys of countries and regions, obituaries, etc. The back of each issue includes handy economic, financial, and market indicators.

Frequency: weekly, <http://www.economist.com>

#### ❑ **Environment**

*Environment* bills itself as an “authoritative yet readable” magazine. Articles, which range from three to four per issue, are balanced and usually contain charts, graphs, or photographs. Regular features includes “Bytes of Note,” an essay review of websites relating to the vast area of environmental subjects; “Books of Note,” book reviews of recently published environmental books; and “Spectrum,” an environmental news reporting service that gathers news from various publications such as *Science*.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.heldref.org>

#### ❑ **Foreign Affairs**

This is arguably the most important foreign affairs journal in the world. Published by the Council on Foreign Relations and read by decisionmakers around the world, *Foreign Affairs* has been at the forefront of global policy analysis since 1922. Contributors include prominent academics, well-known political and government figures, and respected journalists. The articles are well-written, thought-provoking pieces that provide authoritative analyses, and their influence is felt around the world. The journal is also an excellent source for reviews of the most important books on international affairs.

Frequency: bi-monthly, <http://www.foreignaffairs.org>

#### ❑ **Foreign Policy**

Similar to *Foreign Affairs* in coverage, this journal differentiates itself by aiming to become “an indispensable reference” for the specialist while also engaging and entertaining the general reader. Most articles are analytical essays or opinion pieces written in a jargon-free style, and many include helpful charts and sidebars. Since 2000, the journal has introduced a number of new sections, including “Think Again” (“the equivalent of a guerilla attack on conventional wisdom”), the “FP interview”, and “Want to Know More?”, a guide to additional information on topics discussed in the articles. Additional features include reviews of foreign-language books, highlights from specialty journals, and a review of useful websites.

Frequency: bi-monthly, <http://www.foreignpolicy.com>

#### ❑ **The Futurist**

A popular publication of the World Future Society, the *Futurist* will appeal to many levels of readers in public, academic, and high school libraries. Each issue includes a half-dozen well-written and illustrated articles on such topics as workforce changes, the Internet in education, disaster survival, and the future of traditional values. Articles are contributed by well-known researchers and writers on the future. The “World Trends and Forecasts” section offers brief reports on trends in government, economics, and demography, as well as technology, the environment, and society. Smaller sections such as “Tomorrow in Brief” and “Future Active” present notices, comments, and news items, some of which are gleaned from other publications.

Frequency: bi-monthly, <http://wfs.org/futurist.htm>

#### ❑ **Harvard Business Review**

Each issue contains about a dozen articles ten pages in length along with a short case study. It provides readers with the current thinking of scholars and industry leaders on the topics of human resources management, manufacturing, strategic planning, globalization of markets, competitiveness and related general business interest. Articles, although rarely containing footnotes, are highly regarded if not considered scholarly.

Frequency: monthly,

[http://harvardbusinessonline.hbsp.harvard.edu/b01/en/hbr/hbr\\_home.jhtml](http://harvardbusinessonline.hbsp.harvard.edu/b01/en/hbr/hbr_home.jhtml)

#### ❑ **Information Outlook**

This publication replaces the long-published journal *Special Libraries*, as well as the Special Library Association (SLA) news publication *SpeciaList* in 1997. With its glossy look, lighter content, and host of advertising, it appears to be an attempt by SLA to produce a more lively, more readable official publication.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.sla.org>

#### ❑ **Inside the Internet**

Whether you use the Internet for research, education, news and information, or just about anything else, *Inside the Internet* will provide you with invaluable tips and easy-to-implement strategies that you won't find anywhere else.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.elementkjournals.com>

#### ❑ **International Security**

*International Security* is mainly concerned with international peacekeeping. It is published by the Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University. Scholarly, well-researched articles analyze all aspects of international security and are contributed by experts in the theory and practice of peacekeeping. The “Editor’s Note” provides an introduction to essays in the journal.

Frequency: quarterly, <http://mitpress.mit.edu>

#### ❑ **Journal of Democracy**

With its exclusive focus on democracy, this journal serves as an international forum for discussions of democratic theory and practice across the globe, “including political institutions, parties and elections, civil society, ethnic conflict, economic reform, public opinion, the role of the media, and constitutionalism.” Intended as a resource for both general readers and scholars, this very readable journal publishes analytical and scholarly essays, field reports, book reviews, news updates, election results, and excerpts from important speeches. Contributors include academics, government officials, and leaders of democratic movements.

Frequency: quarterly, [http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/journal\\_of\\_democracy/](http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/)

#### ❑ **The National Interest**

While retaining its commitment to stimulating discussions of American foreign policy and world politics, *The National Interest* has undergone a number of editorial changes. The founding publisher, Irving Kristol, has been succeeded by James Schlesinger, while Henry Kissinger has joined Conrad M. Black as co-chairman of the advisory board. Adam Garfinkle is the new editor. Despite these changes, however, the overall approach of the journals remains the same: It views international affairs “as a human activity in which many strands – political power, history, culture, economics, religion, science, and military force – all intertwine.” Targeting a broad audience, the contributors include academics, policy specialists, and highly placed officials of the current and past Republican administrations.

Frequency: quarterly, <http://www.nationalinterest.org>

#### ❑ **New York Review of Books**

The letters to the editor in this publication (complete with footnotes) provide more interesting and challenging reading than the lead articles in most other magazines. The major essays and lengthy book reviews that form the more substantial part of *New York Review of Books* (NYRB) are contributed by some of the best and best-known contemporary writers. One can read Gary Wills on nativity scenes, Joyce Carol Oates on serial killers, or a poem by John Ashbery. The thoughtful and often acerbic comments of reviewers on important new books and the larger issues they raise are frequently accompanied by the clever caricatures of artist David Levine.

Frequency: 20 times/year, <http://www.nybooks.com/nyrev>

#### ❑ **New Yorker**

This magazine covers the largest city in the United States with all its depth and diversity. Lavish pictures and an impressive array of writers do both the city and the magazine proud. Even the advertisements are outstanding. The content of this publication is among the best anywhere. Articles are brief as well as in-depth and are written by knowledgeable authors.

Some articles support New York City's current theater, art, movies, et al. Local issues (such as "After Welfare") are also covered to round out this fine publication. Frequency: weekly, <http://www.newyorker.com/>

#### ❑ **Newsweek (International Edition)**

*Newsweek* is one of the three major newsweeklies to which nearly every library, public or academic, typically subscribes. For readers, the choice between *Newsweek*, *Time* and *U.S. News & World Report* is largely one of personal preference. These three publications are similar in format and content (frequently all three will have the same topic as their cover story). All in all, *Newsweek* remains an excellent publication from cover to cover. Frequency: weekly, <http://www.newsweek.com>

#### ❑ **Online**

*Online* is written for information professionals and provides articles, product reviews, case studies, evaluation, and informed opinion about selecting, using, and managing electronic information products, plus industry and professional information about online database systems, CD-ROM, and the Internet. Frequency: 6 times/year, <http://www.onlineinc.com/online/>

#### ❑ **Public Interest**

"The aim of *The Public Interest* is...to help all of us when we discuss issues of public policy, to know a little better what we are talking about – and preferably in time to make such knowledgeable effective." The magazine meets this goal by offering serious and lengthy pieces by scholars and researchers. Among the issues it focuses on its domestic policy, particularly education, welfare, housing, and poverty. This the type of resource college students writing papers should be using to support their arguments. The articles typically provide answers and provoke new questions. The new website features a sampling of articles from the most recent two issues and a listing of what can be found in the print version. The archive goes back to Fall 1999. Each archived issue includes a table of contents and the full texts of three selected articles. The site offers no search capability. Frequency: quarterly, <http://www.thepublicinterest.com/>

#### ❑ **Searcher: The Magazine for Database Professionals**

*Searcher* is a unique publication that explores and deliberates on a comprehensive range of issues important to the professional database searcher. The magazine is targeted to experienced, knowledgeable searchers and combines evaluations of data content with discussions of delivery media. *Searcher* includes evaluated online news, searching tips and techniques, reviews of searchaid software and database documentation, revealing interviews with leaders and entrepreneurs of the industry, and trenchant editorials. Whatever the experienced searcher needs to know to get the job done is covered in *Searcher*. Frequency: monthly, <http://www.infotoday.com/searcher>

### ❑ **Time (International Edition)**

Selecting among the three major U.S. newsweeklies is largely a matter of personal preference. *Time* continues to tweak its appearance, and occasionally one wonders where the news in this newsmagazine went. *Time* remains one of the standard news publications. The *Time* website provides searchable archives of the U.S. edition back to 1985, as well as *Time Asia*, *Time Europe* and the spinoff publication *On*. Searching is free, but articles older than two weeks are only available for a fee. There is an archive of the magazine's covers. Frequency: weekly, <http://www.time.com/time>

### ❑ **Vanity Fair**

Subjects in *Vanity Fair* are covered in depth, including Hollywood types and celebrities, along with serious subjects like Holocaust-heroine Ruth Gruber, exposing the dubious sugar kings of Florida, and the sad truth about North Korea. Photographers are first-rate: Annie Leibovitz, Lord Snowdon, and Helmut Newton, among others. Writers include Maureen Oth, Dominick Dunne, the ever-angry Christopher Hitchens, and other luminaries.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.condenet.com/mags/vanityfair/>

### ❑ **Washington Quarterly**

This publication of the Center for Strategic and International Studies “focuses on policy and the way in which analysis of international events must be translated into policy choices and actions.” It covers international security; political-military problems; trade, finance, and economics; and the process and challenge of foreign policy. Accessible to the nonspecialist, the articles are well written and reflective of diverse viewpoints. Contributors include academics, research analysts, journalists, and doctoral students from the United States and abroad.

Frequency: quarterly, <http://www.twq.com/>

### ❑ **World Watch**

In 1974, Lester Brown founded the World Watch Institute, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to research and examination of global environmental issues. Since its creation, Worldwatch has become a trusted provider of environmental information on climate, energy production, biodiversity, population, water resources, and trade. As part of its educational mission, Worldwatch publishes its annual *State of the World* report as well as *WorldWatch*, a bimonthly publication devoted to analysis of global environmental problems and policy.

Frequency: bi-monthly, <http://www.worldwatch.org>